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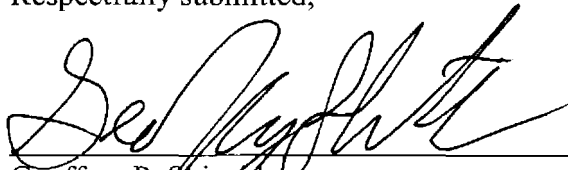
RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

In response to the Reasons for Allowance included with the Notice of Allowance mailed July 6, 2007, Applicants wish to clarify the record. The Applicants note that the claims do not require that "a first radiopaque layer which consist[s] of a first layer of gold, platinum and *palladium*," as indicated in the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance. (See Notice of Allowance mailed 7/6/2007, page 2, lines 4-6 (emphasis in original)). Instead, independent claim 1 recites, in part, "a first layer including a radiopaque material that is more radiopaque than the first portion, wherein the radiopaque material is selected from the group consisting of gold, platinum, and palladium." Independent claim 12 recites, in part, "a first layer including a radiopaque material, wherein the radiopaque material is selected from the group consisting of gold, platinum, and palladium." In other words, the first layer includes the radiopaque materials, which is either gold, platinum, *or* palladium. Furthermore, independent claims 1 and 12 do not exclude the possibility of the first layer including other constituents. Accordingly, Applicants request correction of the Examiner's "Reasons for Allowance."

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